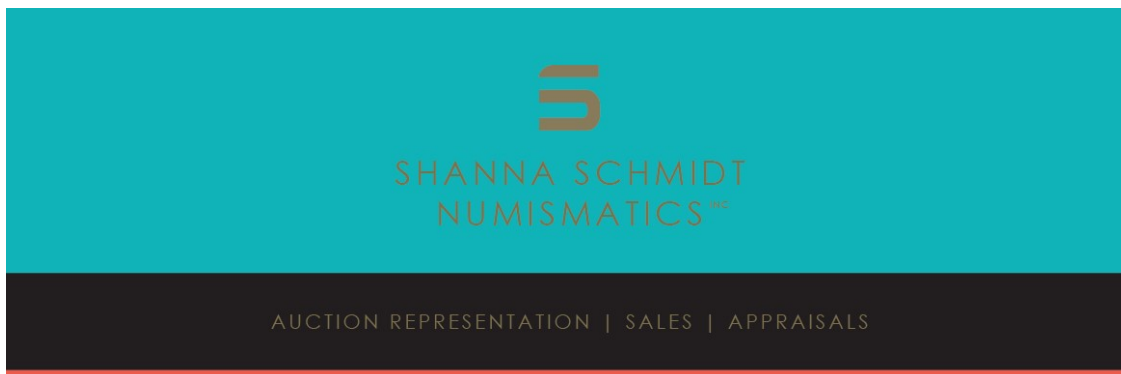


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Newsletter #54:

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Greetings from snowy Oak Park, IL! We got a lot of snow last night so today I write this newsletter with the entire family hanging around. Schools were closed and my husband decided not to venture out in the tundra. It is on days like this that I am glad that I work out of my home. There is plenty to do but at least I don't need to commute into the Chicago which would not be fun. It was a fairly busy week with auctions. Not much is happening the beginning of this coming week but then we have some exciting auctions around the corner.

CNG E-Auction 414 (Feb 14)

CNG is holding their 414th e-auction on February 14 with 773 lots. There are always interesting, many times pedigreed, pieces that are available with reasonable starting prices. Due to the popularity of their auctions coin are never "given away" but a little competition is not necessarily a bad thing. I always participate in their auctions and working through me has proven successful for many of my customers. Please get in touch for more details if you are interested.

Münzen und Medaillen GmbH live auction 46 (Weil am Rhein, Feb 15-16)

M&M GmbH is an offshoot of M&M Basel which closed its doors in 2004. M&M GmbH and M&M Washington were grounded in 1997. The Basel firm was quite well known and auctioned off some amazing collections in their heyday (their catalogs are still universally wanted by collectors for their numismatic libraries). I received the hard copy catalog from M&M GmbH for this latest auction and found some very nice pieces within. Some with great pedigrees to add. The auction has two parts. On February 15, the coins portion will include 1,487 ancient and world coins. The next day, an extensive library from Prof. Hans-Jörg Kellner will be auctioned. The auction can be viewed on Sixbid and

Numisbids. I am registered and will be getting up at 2:30 a.m. in Oak Park to participate in the auction so if you want to save some sleep get in touch with me for details.

Davissons Ltd. Auction 37 (Feb 21)

For those of you unfamiliar with this long established family business, let me fill you in. This Minnesota based company has been around for 40 years (and they are members of the IAPN as well). Marnie, Allan and their son Lief (since 2011) run the business. I've known Marnie and Allan for several years and they are absolutely delightful folks. They are at all the major trade shows in the U.S. and are some of the friendliest folks you could ever meet in the coin business. Marnie always has a smile on her face and a willingness to help. They do catalogs once a year and auction 37 is the culmination of a year of their hard work. I received their paper catalog and was very impressed with the offerings. Davissons deals in ancient coins but they also have expertise in the area of British hammered and milled coinage. This catalog is particularly interesting in the hammered pieces. I'm planning to participate in this auction. If you want to learn more about Davissons then you can visit their website at <https://davcoin.com>. The auction can also be viewed on Numisbids.

360 degree Tour of exhibition: Faces of Power - Roman Gold Coins from the Victor A. Adda Collection

My friend Haim Gitler, a curator at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem, recently forwarded me a note about this interesting online component to their exhibition Faces of Power. You might remember that I mentioned the book in a previous newsletter. It is a beautifully designed, informative book that was thoughtfully compiled with the support of our friends at NAC. Victor A. Adda was a fascinating man, that was lucky enough to be alive at a time when acquisition of ancient coins was easier than it is today. Archeological digs and partage were common and collecting was not demonized as it so often is today. Mr. Adda has been long deceased so one of his daughter was instrumental in bringing some 75 of his coins to the Israel Museum. If you can't travel to Jerusalem (like most of us) then the exhibit is brought to you. Check it out...there is a video and audio component. I found it very informative. I was fortunate to visit the museum and attend the White Gold Lectures on electrum coinage some years ago. This online component brought me back there again.

Check it out at <http://www.imj.org.il/en/exhibitions/faces-power>

Upcoming Germany Trip (March 2-7)

My Germany trip is fastly approaching. I'll be visiting the Numismata trade show but I'll also be viewing and participating in the Gorny & Mosch auctions on March 5-6. The auction is now viewable on Sixbid and Numisbids. If you want someone to view and bid for you than please do get in touch. My trips are funded by your bids which cost you nothing (contact me for details) but help me to keep providing you excellent service and feed my children (just kidding....kind of!). So if you are planning to bid in the auction please keep me in mind. I promise that it will make your life easier working through a dealer versus taking it on yourself.

AuctionsWeekly from CoinsWeekly

I noticed a new email in my inbox a few weeks ago (it probably was there longer but I ignored it). When I clicked on it I was surprised to see a nice addition to my weekly CoinsWeekly newsletter. AuctionsWeekly is a orderly, informative listing of all live and electronic auctions, fixed price lists and even notes about updated websites. It is similar information that one would see from Numisbids or Sixbid, however, with the component of fixed price lists and updated websites it goes a little further to accommodate dealers like me that don't have large auctions. If you are a subscriber to CoinsWeekly I assume that you will receive this other weekly email from them. I know I didn't subscribe to it. In any case, I wanted to point it out for those of you that might want a little more information. For my newsletters I like to pull out auctions that I think are interesting for my customers. I think the barrage of auction listings muddies the water a bit too much for my taste. For those of you that want to see everything online than make sure you get on this list. You'll have it all at your fingertips.



Coin of the Week <http://www.shannaschmidt.com/coin-of-the-week/>

Moneyer issues of Imperial Rome. L. Hostilius Saserna. Rome, 48 BC.

AR Denarius, 3.94g (18mm, 9h). Head of Gallic captive (Vercingetorix?) right, wearing hair flowing back and long, pointed beard, and a chain around his neck; Gallic shield to left / Two warriors in biga right: one driving, holding whip in right hand and reins in left, and the other, facing backwards, holding shield in left hand and brandishing spear in right; L · HOSTILIVS above, SASERN below.

Pedigree: Ex Morton & Eden 68, 10 June 2014, lot 66

Price: \$6,500

This coin is very desirable among collectors as the obverse displays the Gallic warrior Vercingetorix (or it is at least believed to be). Aside from a generation of us who grew up on Asterix and Obelix, Vercingetorix was a Gaulish king and chieftain who successfully stood up to Julius Caesar during the Gallic Wars. Unfortunately shortly after the initial success, Vercingetorix was defeated by the Romans and in order to save as many of his fellow soldiers as possible he surrendered to Caesar. For five long years Vercingetorix was made a slave and

held captive by the Romans. He eventually was strangled to death in 46 BC at the command of Julius Caesar.

Vercingetorix is still considered a local hero in his native Auvergne, France.

References: Crawford 448/2a; CRI 18; Sydenham 952; Hostilia 2; RBW 1569

Grade: Wonderfully centered on the obverse with beautiful iridescent toning. The reverse is slightly off-center as is typical for this issue. The strike is good on the reverse with slight wear on the heads of the horses. A very desirable piece. aEF

If you are interested in this coin please email shanna@shannaschmidt.com

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Until next week!
Shanna

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